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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Poponin
Appl. No. : 10/774,062
Filed : February 6, 2004
For : APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR THE ANALYSIS OF
NUCLEIC ACIDS
HYBRIDIZATION ON HIGH
DENSITY NA CHIPS
Examiner : Young J. Kim
Group Art Unit : 1637

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Response to Restriction Requirement

In an action mailed January 4, 2006, the Examiner required restriction of prosecution to one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I Claims 1, 2 and 13-20, drawn to a method of determining whether a DNA sample comprises double-stranded DNA via determining whether a sample produces lattice vibrations, classified in class 435, subclass 6; and
- Group II Claims 3-12, drawn to an analytical system, a spectroscopic system for detecting molecular hybridization, classified in class 356, subclass 301.

In response, Applicant elects, without traverse, to proceed with examination on the merits of Group I (Claims 1, 2 and 13-20).